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Docket No. STK-077

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Not yet assigned  
Group : 1643  
Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/374,936  
Filed : August 16, 1999  
For : MODIFIED PROTEINS AND DNAs OF THE TGF- $\beta$   
SUPERFAMILY, INCLUDING MODIFIED  
MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS

New York, New York  
March 10, 2000

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME


Sir:

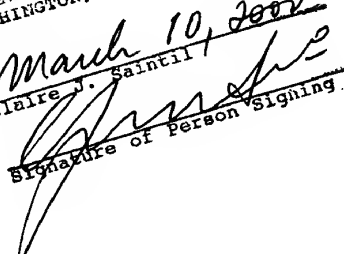
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated September 10, 1999. With the extension, a response is due on or before March 10, 2000. A check in the amount of \$1360.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of

same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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